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Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Assigns Proposition Numbers to Two New Ballot Measures

SAN FRANCISCO --- Secretary of State Kevin Shelley assigned proposition numbers to the two measures that will appear on the March 2, 2004, Statewide Primary Election ballot. Listed below are the measures and assigned numbers:

Proposition 57 *The Economic Recovery Bond Act.*
ABX5 9 (2003)

Proposition 58 *The California Balanced Budget Act.*
ACAX5 5 (2003)

Secretary Shelley also invites interested California voters to submit arguments against Proposition 58. As a matter of law, if no arguments ("pro" or "con") are submitted with respect to a legislative measure, the Secretary of State is required to solicit arguments from the general public. Since no "con" argument concerning Proposition 58 had been submitted by the close of business today, the Secretary of State is soliciting arguments from any California voters.

Argument submissions may not exceed 500 words and should be typed double-spaced. The deadline to submit ballot arguments is Tuesday, December 16, 2003, by 4:00 p.m. The arguments may be hand delivered or faxed to the Secretary of State's Elections Division at (916) 653-3214. However, original copies must be received within 72 hours of the deadline. Rebuttals to the arguments are due by Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 3:00 p.m. A maximum of 250 words may be used for the rebuttal argument.

The two measures along with any arguments for or against will be published in the Supplemental Voter Information Guide. The Supplemental Voter Information Guide will be available for public examination during the ballot pamphlet public display period, December 17, 2003, through January 6, 2004.